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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS

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1. POLCOUNS MET WITH MFA AFRICAN AFFAIRS OFFICER
GORAN HASSELMARK ON MAY 10 TO REITERATE POINTS MADE BY HELMAN
TO NORDIC EMBASSY REPS LAST WEEK.
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2. HASSELMARK WAS FAMILIAR WITH HELMAN BRIEFING. HE SAID
UN AMBASSADOR ANDERS THUNBORG WAS SCHEDULED TO DINE WITH
NUJOMA IN NEW YORK ON MAY 8 AND HAD PLANNED TO URGE
AGAIN THAT SWAPO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN
TALKS REGARDING WF PROPOSAL. THAT MEETING WAS, OF
COURSE, CANCELLED WITH NUJOMA'S SUDDEN RETURN TO LUSAKA

IN THE WAKE OF THE "OUTRAGEOUS" RAID ON KASSINGA.

3. HASSELMARK MADE CLEAR THAT GOS UNDERSTANDS THE NEED TO PRESSURE SWAPO INTO REASONABLE STANCE VIS-A-VIS WF INITIATIVE. HE SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INCURSION INTO ANGOLA DEMONSTRATED THE CLEAR NEED, IN GOS VIEW, OF CONSTANT WF PRESSURE ON PRETORIA TO REFRAIN ABSOLUTELY FROM ACTS WHICH ONLY SET THE CLOCK BACK. WHILE FM SODER HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY CRITICIZED THE SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION, HASSELMARK SAID THERE WAS A GREAT TEMPTATION TO DO SO-- AND IN RINGING TERMS.

4. A SMALL SWAPO DELEGATION LED BY V.P. MISHAKE MUNJUNGO IS CURRENTLY IN STOCKHOLM, PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INCREASED GOS ASSISTANCE. MUNJUNGO IS TO CUT SHORT HIS VISIT, HOWEVER, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LUSAKA ASSESSMENT OF THE KASSINGA MATTER BY THE SWAPO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. MUNJUNGO, "A VERY REASONABLE MAN," HAS INTIMATED TO MFA HOSTS THAT SWAPO WILL RESUME INVOLVEMENT IN WF TALKS "IN A WEEK OR TWO," AFTER LUSAKA EXERCISE COMPLETED. SWEDES EXPECT MUNJUNGO DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO SCANDINAVIA IN JUNE TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY AGREES WITH COMMENT OF DANISH OFFICIAL (PARA 4, REF B) THAT SWEDES HAVE CONSIDERABLE DISTASTE FOR STRONG COORDINATED NORDIC PRESSURE ON SWAPO TO ACCEPT
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WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL OUTRIGHT. GOS HAS ALWAYS PLAYED A LONE ROLE WITH AFRICAN LIBERATION GROUPS AND IS NOT ABOUT TO RISK DILUTING ITS CREDIBILITY WITH SWAPO AND FRONT-LINE GOVERNMENTS BY IDENTIFYING ITSELF COMPLETELY WITH EITHER SISTER NORDICS OR WESTERN FIVE AT THIS DELICATE STAGE. AT THE SAME TIME, GOS BELIEVES SOME FORM OF WF PROPOSAL REPRESENTS PERHAPS THE ONLY EVOLUTIONARY SOLUTION TO NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE, AND WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT MFA STATEMENTS THAT GOS IS URGING SWAPO LEADERSHIP TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN WF TALKS.
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